

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 are pending in the above-referenced application. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 15, 16, 27-29, and 57-64, and rejected claims 1-14, 17-26, 30-56, and 65-71. By this paper, all of the rejected claims have been cancelled to put the application in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues preventing mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of May 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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